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~~Doc 6-6-71 August 21, 1971, File No. 37-32-0445~~
RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AUGUST TWENTY ONE LAST.

~~ROGER GUY HERSHNER, FOUR ONE SIX NORTH TREANOR,~~
~~GLENDORA, CALIFORNIA, INTERVIEWED AT BRACKETT AIRFIELD, LAVERN,~~
~~CALIFORNIA, INSTANT DATE. HE DENIED KNOWING WHEREABOUTS~~

OF [REDACTED]

~~APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS AGO, VICTOR E. STADTER, [REDACTED]~~

~~[REDACTED] TOOK HELICOPTER LESSONS FROM~~

~~HERSHNER. TWO WEEKS LATER STADTER RELATED HE HAD PURCHASED~~

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HELIOPOTER AND WANTED HERSHNER TO FLY IT TO HIS MINING CLAIM IN GUATAMALA.

AUGUST ELEVEN LAST HERSHNER FLEW COMMERCIAL AIRLINER TO DENVER WHERE HE JOINED STADTER AND [redacted] AUGUST TWELVE LAST HERSHNER FLEW LIGHT BLUE HELICOPTER N SEVEN ZERO SEVEN NINE ZERO TO HOUSTON GIVING [redacted] ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTION EN ROUTE. THEY ARRIVED HOUSTON PM AUGUST THIRTEEN LAST, WHERE THEY AGAIN JOINED STADTER.

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AUGUST FOURTEEN AND FIFTEEN LAST HERSHNER CONDUCTED CONCENTRATED TRAINING OF [redacted] DURING EVENING OF AUGUST FIFTEEN LAST STADTER DECIDED [redacted] DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH SKILL AND ASKED HERSHNER TO FLY HELICOPTER INTO MEXICO. THERE HE WAS TO AID [redacted] IN A PRISON ESCAPE. HERSHNER CLAIMS UNTIL THIS TIME HE BELIEVED ENTIRE PROJECT RELATED TO GUATAMALA MINING VENTURE.

STADTER CONVINCED HERSHNER THAT [redacted] WAS BEING UNJUSTLY HELD IN MEXICAN PRISON. STADTER ADVISED HERSHNER, CERTAIN MEMBERS OF [redacted] FAMILY WERE ALLEGEDLY PAYING MEXICAN AUTHORITIES TO CONTINUE THE IMPRISONMENT TO PREVENT [redacted] FROM INHERITING LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY. ALSO THAT [redacted] REPORTEDLY HAD LARGE SUM OF MONEY HIDDEN

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AWAY AND WOULD PAY HANDSOMELY FOR ASSISTANCE IN HIS ESCAPE.
STADTER CLAIMED HE WAS WORKING ON CREDIT BUT WOULD PAY
HERSHNER FOR HIS PART. HERSHNER REFUSED TO DISCLOSE AMOUNT
RECEIVED BUT STATED WAS LESS THAN TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS.

AUGUST SIXTEEN LAST HERSHNER FLEW HELICOPTER BY
HIMSELF VIA BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, TO MEXICO. HE ARRIVED AT A
SMALL AIRPORT NEAR MEXICO CITY IN PM, AUGUST EIGHTEEN LAST.
THERE HE WAS JOINED BY STADTER AND [redacted] WHO HAD FLOWN CESSNA
TWO TEN, NUMBER NINE FOUR SIX TWO X.

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HERSHNER ADVISED HE HAD STASHED FIVE [redacted] GAS CANS
ALONG ROUTE FROM US BORDER TO MEXICO CITY TO BE USED ON HIS
RETURN FLIGHT. HERSHNER STRESSED HE FILED A FLIGHT PLAN
THE ENTIRE WAY TO MEXICO SO AS TO REMAIN WITHIN THE LAW.

DURING PM AUGUST EIGHTEEN LAST [redacted] FLEW HERSHNER
OVER SMALL ABANDONED FIELD OUTSIDE PACHUCA, MEXICO, APPROXIMATELY
SEVENTY MILES NORTH OF MEXICO CITY. HERSHNER WAS TO TRANSPORT
[redacted] AND A FRIEND OF HIS WHO [redacted] INSISTED
BE INCLUDED IN THE ESCAPE, TO THIS SITE. HERSHNER ASSUMED
CESSNA TWO TEN WOULD PICK THEM UP THERE. THERE WAS ALSO TO
BE AN AUTOMOBILE AT THAT POINT FOR SOME UNKNOWN REASON.
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APPROXIMATELY SIX TEN PM HERSHNER FLEW HELICOPTER TO HILL BEHIND PRISON. HE REMAINED THERE UNTIL SIX THIRTY PM, THEN FLEW HELICOPTER ON A VERY SLOW APPROACH THROUGH LIGHT RAIN DIRECTLY INTO PRISON YARD. ACCORDING TO STADTER, AT THIS TIME MOST GUARDS WERE SUPPOSEDLY WATCHING A MOVIE. OTHERS WOULD BE ARMED WITH CLUBS AND A FEW WITH WEAPONS.

HERSHNER WAS TOLD NONE OF THE GUARDS COULD "HIT ANYTHING THEY SHOT AT". IN ADDITION THEY WERE EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN BY SURPRISE AND THEY WOULD BELIEVE A MEXICAN DIGNITARY HAD LANDED BECAUSE OF THE BOLD APPROACH AND BECAUSE OFFICIAL MEXICAN AIRCRAFT WERE ALSO PAINTED BLUE.

HERSHNER SAID TO HIS KNOWLEDGE NO GUARDS OR OFFICIALS WERE PAID OFF. HERSHNER ESTIMATED HELICOPTER ON GROUND TEN SECONDS, AS [redacted] AND OTHER MAN IMMEDIATELY BOARDED FROM OPEN YARD WHERE THEY WERE WAITING. HERSHNER FLEW AT TREE TOP LEVEL TO AIRPORT NEAR PACHUCA. IT WAS DARK AT TIME OF ARRIVAL AND [redacted] AND OTHER MAN DEPLANED THERE.

HERSHNER IMMEDIATELY FLEW TOWARD US BORDER. HAVING LOST CHART SHOWING WHERE GAS CANS WERE STASHED, HERSHNER FORCED TO ATTEMPT TO PURCHASE GASOLINE AT ESTABLISHED AIRPORT.

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BECAUSE MEXICAN FEDERALES WERE LOOKING FOR HIM
HE WAS ABLE TO MAKE ONLY ONE PURCHASE.

ON AUGUST TWENTY LAST IN AM HE WAS FORCED TO ** Helicopter actually
recovered about 15 miles from
border.*
ABANDON HELICOPTER FORTY ~~MILES~~ SOUTH OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS.

HERSHNER GOT RIDE IN MILK TRUCK TO MATOMORES,
MEXICO. TOOK TAXI TO BROWNSVILLE. HERSHNER FLEW BY
COMMERCIAL AIRLINER TO LOS ANGELES ARRIVING PM AUGUST TWENTY
LAST.

ON AUGUST TWENTY ONE LAST STADTER TELEPHONICALLY
CONTACTED HERSHNER. STATED [redacted] HAD GOTTEN OUT SAFELY BUT
IN POOR PHYSICAL CONDITION AND UNDER A DOCTOR'S CARE STADTER
ADVISED HERSHNER FBI WAS LOOKING FOR HIM BUT HE REFUSED TO TALK TO
THEM. HE ALSO STATED HE WAS GOING TO SELL STORY OF THE
ESCAPE AND HERSHNER WOULD RECEIVE A PERCENTAGE. IN ADDITION
[redacted] WAS TO GIVE HERSHNER ADDITIONAL MONEY.

[redacted] ALSO CONTACTED HERSHNER TO ASSURE HE HAD GOTTEN
OUT OF MEXICO SAFELY. HERSHNER DESCLAIMED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF
WHEREABOUTS OF STADTER OR [redacted] BUT ASSUMED [redacted] WAS SOMEWHERE
IN TEXAS.

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HERSHNER ADVISED STADTER HAD ASSURED HIM THEY WERE BREAKING NO LAWS AND IT WAS NOT ILLEGAL TO AID IN AN ESCAPE IN MEXICO. IT WAS ORIGINALLY PLANNED THAT HERSHNER WOULD FLY THE HELICOPTER INTO THE US AND PAY FINE FOR FAILURE TO FILE FLIGHT PLAN. STATED NO ONE EVER CONCEALED THEIR IDENTITY OR ATTEMPT TO CHANGE MARKINGS ON THE PLANE. STADTER ALLEGEDLY HAD A PROMINENT ATTORNEY IN MEXICO WHO WAS TO PAY FOR HERSHNER RELEASE IF ANYTHING WENT WRONG.

HERSHNER DESCRIBED WHITE MALE BORN JUNE SIX FORTY TWO, MANSFIELD, OHIO, FIVE FEET, ELEVEN INCHES, ONE SEVENTY POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, FULL BEARD, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER TWO NINE NINE DASH THREE SIX DASH ZERO FOUR FOUR THREE. CLAIMS NO ARREST.

[redacted] FOOTHILL AIRCRAFT

CABLE AIRPORT, UPLAND, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THEY HAD SEEN THE ABOVE DESCRIBED CESSNA TWO TEN IN PM ON AUGUST TWENTY LAST. OBSERVED STADTER AND ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL DESCRIPTION UNKNOWN IN AREA OF PLANE. BEFORE THEY COULD NOTIFY THE FBI THE PLANE HAD DEPARTED. NEITHER OBSERVED AIRCRAFT

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TAKE OFF AND NEITHER COULD FURNISH ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

[redacted] CABLE AIRPORT, ONTARIO, OBSERVED

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STADTER AND MIDDLE AGE WHITE MALE, APPROXIMATELY FIVE FEET
TEN INCHES, ONE NINETY, NEAR CESSNA TWO TEN IN PM AUGUST
TWENTY LAST. [redacted] WHO IS ACQUAINTED WITH STADTER HAD
NEVER SEEN SECOND INDIVIDUAL BEFORE. WHEN HE ARRIVED AT
AIRPORT SEVEN AM, AUGUST TWENTY ONE LAST, PLANE WAS GONE
WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN. -BUREAU ADVISE LEGAT MEXICO.

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RE WFO TELETYPE AUGUST TWENTY THREE INSTANT.

RECORDS, FAA, OKLAHOMA CITY, SHOW THAT ROGER GUY HERSHNER
(THIS SPELLING VERIFIED CORRECTD HOLDS COMMERCIAL PILOT MEXICO)
ROTORCRAFT LICENSE NUMBER ONE EIGHT SEVEN FOUR THREE SEVEN
SEVEN. DESCRIBED MALE, BORN JUNE SIX, FORTY TWO, FIVE FEET
ELEVEN INCHES, ONE SIXTYFIVE POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES
SOCIAL SECURITY NO. TWO NINE NINE DASH THREE SIX DASH ZERO
FOUR FOUR THREE. AS OF NOVEMBER SIXTEEN, SEVENTY, HE LIVED
FOUR ONE SIX NORTH TREANOR, GLENORA, CALIF., AND WAS EMPLOYED
AS MATERIAL HANDLER FOR FREIGHT LINER COMPANY (ADDRESS NOT
SHOWN) FOR SEVEN YEARS. PRIOR ADDRESS APRIL FOURTEEN, SEVENTY
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WAS ONE TWO FOUR ONE WEST GRAND AVENUE, POMONA, CALIF.

[REDACTED] OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] POMONA, CALIF., EXAMINED HERSHNER NOVEMBER SIXTEEN,
SEVENTY AND ALSO IS SHOWN AS HIS PERSONAL PHYSICIAN.

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VICTOR ELLSWORTH STADTER (THIS SPELLING VERIFIED) IS A
MALE, BORN MARCH TWENTY FOUR, TWENTY ONE, SIX FEET, ONE EIGHTY
INCHES, BROWN EYES, GRAY HAIR, SOCIAL SECURITY NO. FIVE SIX
EIGHT DASH ZERO SEVEN DASH SEVEN SEVEN ONE NINE, AS OF
DECEMBER TWENTY THREE, SEVENTY LIVED AT NINE HUNDRED EAST
ALOSTA, GLENORA, CALIF., AND SELF EMPLOUED AS PILOT WITH
NO BUSINESS ADDRESS.

THE FOREGOING IS FOR ASSISTANCE TO LOS ANGELES.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO ALBUQUERQUE, DENVER, NEW YORK,
PHOENIX, SAN ANTONIO AND SAN FRANCISCO.

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RE 326 LA PLATE

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RE BUREAU TELETYPE AUGUST TWENTY FIVE LAST.

ROGER GUY HERSHNER, PILOT OF HELICOPTER USED IN SUBJECT'S ESCAPE INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. HE ADVISED THAT HELICOPTER PRACTICE ON AUGUST FOURTEEN AND FIFTEEN LAST, PRIOR TO HIS ENTRY INTO MEXICO, WAS CONDUCTED AT PEARLAND AIR FIELD SOUTH OF HOUSTON, TEXAS. HERSHNER STAYED AT APARTMENT OF [redacted] IN EAGLELAKE (SPECIFIC ADDRESS UNKNOWN).

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AT SAME TIME VICTOR E. STADTER AND WHITE FEMALE
NAMED [REDACTED] (LNU), WAS LIVING AT A MAJOR HOTEL IN HOUSTON,
(NAME UNKNOWN). [REDACTED] (LNU) (POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH
[REDACTED] AND STADTER VISITED PEAR LAND OPERATION
OFFICE ON AUGUST FOURTEEN LAST.

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[REDACTED] HAD BRIEF CASE OF WALL DECORATOR PLAQUES AND
TEXTILE ITEMS. HE WAS ALLEGEDLY DISPLAYING TO DETERMINE
THEIR SALEABILITY. HERSHNER COULD NOT EXPLAIN SIGNIFICANCE
OF HIS VISIT.

WHEN HERSHNER DEPARTED PEAR LAND ON AUGUST SIXTEEN LAST
[REDACTED] FLEW CESSNA TWO TEN NUMBER NINE FOUR SIX TWO X TO
PACHUCA, MEXICO AND STADTER DROVE BROWN NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT
CADILLAC WITH UNKNOWN TEXAS LICENSE. THIS VEHICLE PROBABLY
BELONGS TO [REDACTED]

AFTER HERSHNER RETURNED TO BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS ON AUGUST
TWENTY LAST HE REGISTERED IN FORT BROWN HOTEL UNDER NAME
CECIL PATTON. HE CALLED STADTER'S WIFE IN GLENDOORA, CALIFORNIA,
AND GAVE HIS TELEPHONE NUMBER. A SHORT TIME LATER [REDACTED] CALLED
HERSHNER FROM HOUSTON TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS OF HELICOPTER.
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SOMETIME LATER STADTER CALLED FROM UNKNOWN LOCATION,
ADVISING HERSHNER TO FORGET HELICOPTER AND RETURN
TO CALIFORNIA.

HERSHNER CONTINUED TO DENY ANY KNOWLEDGE OF [REDACTED]
WHEREABOUTS.

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FOR INFORMATION OF PHILADELPHIA, VICTOR E. STADTER
BORN MARCH TWENTY FOUR, NINETEEN TWENTY ONE, FBI NUMBER
ONE THREE EIGHT ONE FOUR SEVEN SIX WAS REPORTED TO HAVE
BEEN CONVICTED IN NEW YORK OF SMUGGLING NARCOTICS AND
SERVED FIVE YEARS IN LOUISBERG, PENNSYLVANIA FEDERAL
PRISON, FROM APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN SIXTY THREE TO
NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT. PHILADELPHIA OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPH OF
STADTER AND FORWARD TO BUREAU.

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION PROMPTLY SEND TO LOS ANGELES
BY FACSIMILE COPY OF STADTER'S ARREST RECORD.

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